Amendments to the Claims:

The claims below replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A method for removing red-eye effect in a digital image, comprising:

detecting automatically at least one candidate red-eye region within the digital image;

presenting the at least one candidate red-eye region to a user;

animatedly presenting the at least one candidate <u>red-eye region</u> as a magnified view in a center of a display screen;

animatedly updating the digital image as a user navigates to a different candidate red-eye region; and

producing a modified digital image by performing red-eye removal in each candidate red-eye region that the user accepts, <u>wherein</u> each candidate red-eye region that the user rejects ~~remaining~~ <u>remains</u> unmodified.

2.   (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
saving the modified digital image.

3.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein a plurality of candidate red-eye regions are detected within the digital image.

4.   (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the plurality of candidate red-eye regions are presented to the user one at a time.

5.   (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the plurality of candidate red-eye regions are presented to the user simultaneously.

6.   (original) The method of claim 5, wherein a first pair of opposing directional controls is used to select a particular candidate red-eye region and a second pair of opposing directional controls is used to perform one of acceptance and rejection of the particular candidate red-eye region.

7.   (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the first pair of opposing directional controls comprises horizontal directional controls and the second pair of opposing directional controls comprises vertical directional controls.

8.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein an indication is provided that a selected candidate red-eye region is the Mth candidate red-eye region of N total candidate red-eye regions in the plurality.

9.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein presenting the at least one candidate red-eye region to a user comprises marking the at least one candidate red-eye region.

10.   (original) The method of claim 9, wherein marking the at least one candidate red-eye region comprises enclosing the at least one candidate red-eye region within a geometrical figure.

11.   (original) The method of claim 9, wherein at least one icon accompanying a selected candidate red-eye region indicates how the user is to accept the selected candidate red-eye region.

12.   (original) The method of claim 9, wherein at least one icon accompanying a selected candidate red-eye region indicates how the user is to reject the selected candidate red-eye region.

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13.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein an indication is provided of whether the at least one candidate red-eye region has been accepted by the user.

14.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein presenting the at least one candidate red-eye region to a user includes zooming in to show an enlarged view of a selected candidate red-eye region.

15.   (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the enlarged selected candidate red-eye region is automatically centered on a display.

16.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein all candidate red-eye regions are accepted simultaneously.

17.   (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a memory to store a digital image;
red-eye detection logic to detect automatically at least one candidate red-eye region in the digital image;
a display on which to present the at least one candidate red-eye region to a user;
a user interface by which the user indicates whether to accept the at least one candidate red-eye region, wherein the user interface animatedly presents the at least one candidate red-eye region as a magnified view near a center of the display screen and animatedly updates the digital image as a user navigates to a different candidate red-eye region;
red-eye removal logic to produce a modified digital image by performing red-eye removal in each candidate red-eye region that the user accepts, wherein each candidate red-eye region that the user rejects remaining remains unmodified; and
a graphical rejection device configured as an X mark superimposed through a candidate red-eye region not accepted by the user.

18.   (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising:
an imaging module to convert an optical image to the digital image.

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19. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the user interface comprises a first pair of opposing directional controls to select a particular candidate red-eye region and a second pair of opposing directional controls to perform one of acceptance and rejection of the particular candidate red-eye region.

20. (original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the first pair of opposing directional controls comprises horizontal directional controls and the second pair of opposing directional controls comprises vertical directional controls.

21. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the user interface is configured to zoom in to show an enlarged view of a selected candidate red-eye region.

22. (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the user interface is further configured to center the enlarged selected candidate red-eye region on the display.

23. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the apparatus is one of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a personal computer, a workstation, a notebook computer, a laptop computer, and a personal digital assistant.

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24.   (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

means for storing a digital image;

means for automatically detecting at least one candidate red-eye region in the digital image;

means for presenting the at least one candidate red-eye region to a user;

means for animatedly presenting the at least one candidate <u>red-eye region</u> as a magnified view near a center of a display screen;

means for the user to indicate whether to accept the at least one candidate red-eye region;

animatedly updating the digital image as a user navigates to a different candidate red-eye region; and

means for producing a modified digital image by performing red-eye removal in each candidate red-eye region that the user accepts, <u>wherein</u> each candidate red-eye region that the user rejects <s>remaining</s> <u>remains</u> unmodified.

25.   (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 24, further comprising:

means for converting an optical image to the digital image.

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